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Iceland trips pay off for Fleetwood

BOSTON BLENHEIM continued her series of top grossings last week when Skipper Bob Rawcliffe brought her back from Iceland with 1,289 kits, including 1,100 of cod and codling, which sold for £38,193.

Since he took command of place, the stern trawler Skipper Rawcliffe has averaged more than £30,000 in the vessel.

There were also good than 25 of them were soles grossings for Fleetwood's two which brought a grossing of other arrivals from the £4,442. There were also 35 Icelandic grounds. *Irana* kits of plaice in the vessel's (Skipper Gordon Wignall) catch.

His new command, *Jacinta*, fished the same area before returning with 1,140 kits which sold for £33,866. Skipper Bernard Birley was in command.

In the nearwater section the 130ft stern trawler *Idena* took top ship honours. Skipper Tom Christy continued his success in the vessel since returning to sea after working ashore.

After a 15-day trip with 1,070 kits, including 70 of cod, 500 of haddock, 20 of sole, 30 of roker and 180 of dogs, her catch sold for £18,502 — one of the ship's biggest grossings since her completion last year.

Also included in the catch were more than 150 kits of mackerel which sold surprisingly well for a variety which is rarely handled in quantity on the local market.

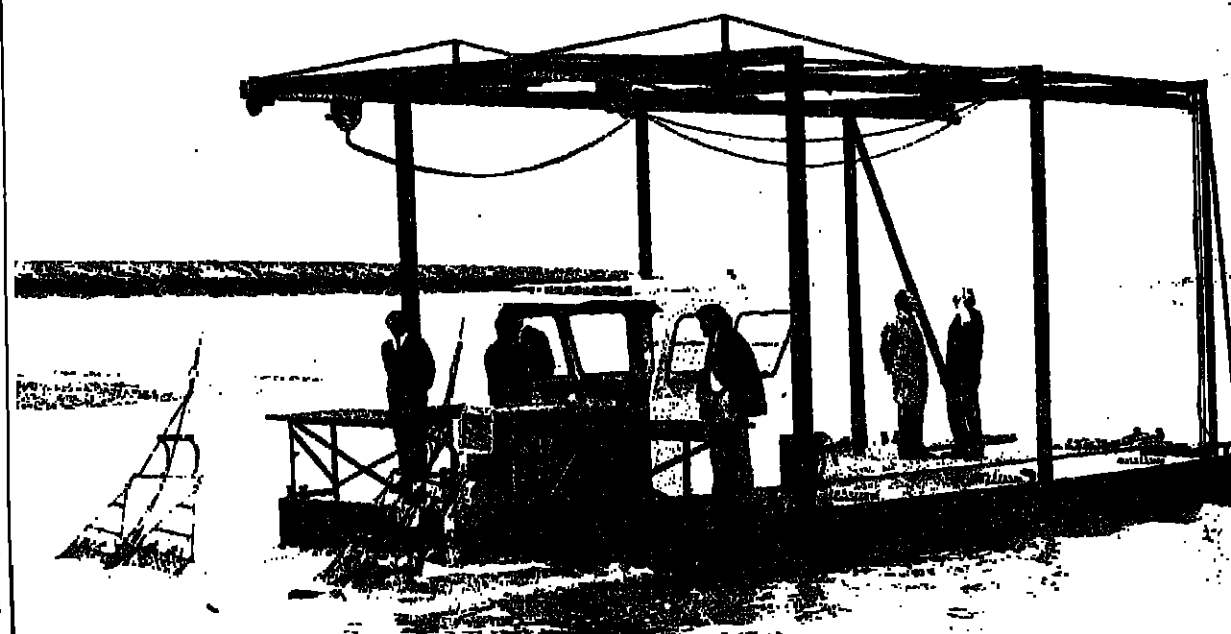
Skipper Bill Bridge, who built up a formidable reputation as a home-water fisherman before switching to Iceland fishing, showed he had lost none of his former art when he brought the stern trawler *Boston Stirling* back from the Tory area off the west of Ireland.

Unusual

He landed 624 kits — 50 of cod, 300 of haddock, 50 of sole, 50 of dogs and 80 of horse mackerel, which sold for £12,008. Also included in the catch was an unusual feature of a middle-water catch — six kits of soles.

It was a good week for the two 109 ft. side trawlers *London Town* and *Royalist* owned by the Hewett Fishing Co. *London Town* continued her excellent run under Skipper Jack Kelly when she landed 421 kits, including 100 of cod, 180 of haddock, 50 of roker, 30 of dogs and 25 of mackerel, which sold for £9,876.

Royalist, which was recently taken over by Skipper Jack Pickers, had 100 of cod in her total of 256 kits, which met a very good market to sell for £7,664. Also in the catch were 45 of haddock, 10 of whiting, 65 of roker and 16 of



THE revolutionary prototype oyster dredger *Vandora* (labelled) been working very successfully in Pwllfist Creek over the few months. With one man on board, she has been taking tons a day and is reckoned to be fishing at only half-cost. Designers, PNP Durr Ltd., of Burnham-on-Crouch, report there has been considerable interest in the dredger both in country and from overseas. Investigations are going ahead to adapt the dredger for mussel operations. A full description of the dredger was given in *Fishing News* on July 23.

BOOST FOR CORNISH OYSTERMEN

A SPATFALL has occurred on the oyster grounds in the Fal estuary, Cornwall. This was revealed following a survey by the staff of the Fisheries Laboratory, Burnham on Crouch.

There have been only two good spatfalls in the Truro stocks in the past 15 years, during 1966 and 1971, but these were not outstanding. For this reason both the stock and the fishing effort have fallen to a very low level, particularly over the past three years.

The fall in fishing effort is due not only to the low stocks of oysters but also to the alternative attraction of the valuable mackerel fishery.

The Ministry survey undertaken in 1975 showed very small stocks of both 'ring-sized' oysters (over 2 1/2 in. diameter) and brood oysters. But for the lucky find of some very good oysters exposed by the severe southerly gales which lashed the harbour early in January, landings would have been very low.

Again this year the survey shows very low levels of 'ring-sized' oysters. However, as so often happens in a fishery, nature has stepped in at just the right time. In common with other oyster growing areas on the south coast, there has been a good spatfall in the Truro fishery. All areas sampled in the last week in September held spat, from Malpas to Mylor.

The rough weather and the

Ministry reports spatfall

spat recently drilled and killed by the tangle which feeds on spat oysters. No very small tangles were taken in the catches; they presumably passed out of the meshes of the dredge because it would appear from the damage that there has been a good tangle breeding year and that many specimens are about.

The other pest of the oyster fishery — rather a competitor and nuisance — the slipper limpet, has also had a good breeding season. Small specimens of this species have been found throughout the fishery.

Peter Davidson, who carried out the survey said: "This spatfall is important news, as many of the other oyster grounds in the country rely upon the Truro fishery for their supply of brood oysters".

Following last year's warm summer, no spat was recorded during the 1975 autumn survey but, from the size of the oysters, it would appear that most of this spat now recorded is in fact of 1976 origin, presumably having settled late in the summer. Some of the spat is very small, indicating a settlement also in early 1976.

There is hope, therefore, that yet more 1976 spat may have remained so far undetected and that the final level of recruitment to the fishery for the two years will be highly significant ensuring much improved landings for 1977 and onwards.

One disturbing factor is the high proportion (20-30 per cent in some places) of small

New drums for 'Sioux'

THE STEEL multi-purpose *Sioux*, which operates between North Shields and Grimsby as a fly shooter seiner, has now completed gear trials with a set of Ramme seine rope storage drums.

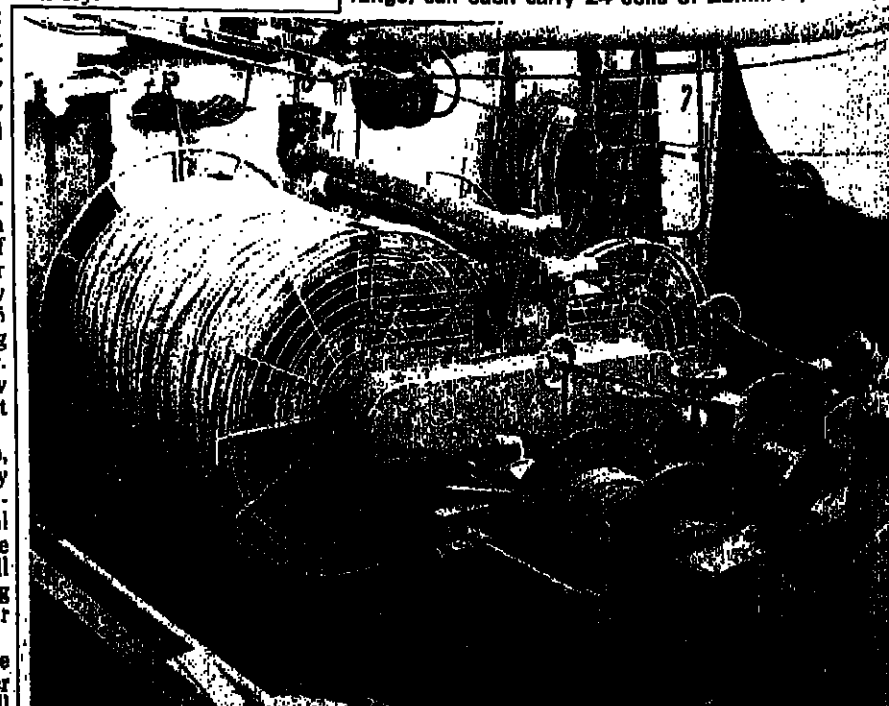
The neat and compact two-drum installation was carried out in Denmark at Thyboron under the supervision of Erling Skovgaard, who invented and patented the popular Ramme system.

She has been fitted with a completely new model, now generally available through agents Marine Diesel Service (Grimsby) Ltd. known as model D.

This is presently the largest in the Ramme range with each drum carrying 24 coils of 23mm rope.

A spokesman for agents Tom Sleight Ltd. told *Fishing News* the crew were delighted with the new drums. *Sioux* was originally equipped with storage bins.

The compact Ramme seine rope storage drums fitted aboard the steel multi-purpose vessel *Sioux*. The drums, the largest in the range, can each carry 24 coils of 23mm rope.



AS FOREIGN secretary Anthony Crosland went into the EEC Council of Ministers meeting in the Hague today (Friday) he left this message behind him: "I can conceive no circumstances in which this country — certainly under this Government — will accept 12 miles."

25,000 sign up

A PETITION for a 50-mile fishing limit with 25,000 signatures was handed in at 10 Downing Street on Wednesday.

This was the first stage of a journey to Brussels, where a copy of the petition was due to be presented at the office of European Community Commissioner, Mr. P. Lardinois,



on Thursday this week. The petition was started by Albert McQuarrie, prospective Conservative candidate on behalf of the East Aberdeenshire Conservative Association, and was circulated in fishing constituencies throughout Britain.

The petition was also supported by Conservative shadow minister of agriculture, Francis Pym,

and shadow secretary of state for Scotland, Allick Buchanan-Smith.

"In the three weeks since the petition was launched the response has been fantastic", said Mr. Buchanan-Smith.

"Let Callaghan be warned. The Government has got to fight for British fishermen; and Lardinois beware, the British fishing industry is not giving in."

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BRITAIN WILL NOT ACCEPT 12-MILES

—SAYS CROSLAND

This was what Mr. Crosland said in his statement to the House of Commons last week, on the Council of Ministers meeting in Luxembourg, which failed to produce agreement on an extension of Community limits to 200-miles.

Mr. Crosland came in for some close questioning by MP's on exclusive coastal limits. While the present CFP was completely unacceptable, Mr. Crosland said that our aim at the meeting was not to discuss revision of the policy.

The two matters of immediate concern were extension of fishing limits of member states to 200-miles and the opening of negotiations with third countries for fishing rights. The meeting in Hague today is expected to reach an understanding on both these issues.

While maintaining our position on exclusive limits, which is a variable belt out to 50-miles, Mr. Crosland said that in the short term, to get not only an agreement with Iceland before December 1 but also the United States, Canada, Norway and Eastern

European countries, was of paramount importance. For our own national interest it is right that we should go for the 200-mile limit first.

Although the Irish prevented agreement on a 200-mile limit extension by the Community, sources close to the Foreign Office indicate that it looks likely, Mr. Crosland has reached an understanding with the Irish Foreign Minister which will

return from an 80-day White Sea/Bear Island trip which yielded 548 tons of codstock.

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Freezers going for mackerel

THE FIRST of four freezer trawlers from Hull is expected on the mackerel grounds this week. The other three will follow next month.

This quarter comprises British United Trawlers' *Orsino*, Boyd Line's *Arctic*, *Galliard*, Hamling's *St. Benedict* and Boston's *Princess Anne*.

Orsino (Skipper Dick Spencer) was due to sail on her first mackerel fishing trip of the year on Tuesday night. *Arctic* (Skipper Terry Thresh) would follow next week after her recent return from an 80-day White Sea/Bear Island trip which yielded 548 tons of codstock.

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COMMENT

PROGRESS towards a decision on exclusive coastal zones within EEC waters must to most inshore fishermen seem to be moving at snail's pace. What was being billed as the 'crunch day' — October 19 — has come and gone with little discussion on this subject last week at the Council of Ministers Meeting in Luxembourg. This week, Ministers meet up in the Hague (shades of the Law of the Sea Conference) but little movement towards agreement on coastal zones is expected.

Although inshore fishermen will be getting restive, we believe that for once, the Government has got its priorities right. It is essential that first there should be an agreement on extending Community limits to 200-miles. Once this is done, it strengthens the negotiating hand to keep our deepsea trawlers fishing in third country waters.

This move in itself would give some protection to inshore fishermen. Although Foreign Secretary, Anthony Crosland, glibly talks about setting up a bilateral deal with Iceland if the Community is not in a position to negotiate, it is not certain if Iceland would be that desperate for a quick deal with Britain. And if trawlers are displaced from Iceland or other third countries, it could mean the might of the British deepsea fleet being turned on waters closer home.

Already we are seeing this on the mackerel grounds where there are plans to turn four freezer trawlers from Hull loose.

While the stand taken by the Irish at last week's meeting, in which they wanted a guarantee on coastal zones before agreeing to an extension of Community limits, will be admired in many quarters, we do not believe that a move to 200-miles prejudices the case for a 50-mile exclusive zone.

Half the fish catch in EEC waters is taken by non-member countries. And it is imperative that a 200-mile zone is established quickly to protect the stocks and our future as a fishing nation.

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Glenda goes scouting

THE GRIMSBY multi-purpose wooden fishing vessel *Glenda* (Skipper Francois Winteln) has arrived on the Cornish mackerel grounds off the Lizard to evaluate fishing prospects, primarily for freshers, through the winter months.

Glenda has recently been white fish pair trawling from the Humber port and the success, or failure, of the 62-footer will largely determine whether further similar Grimsby vessels head south.

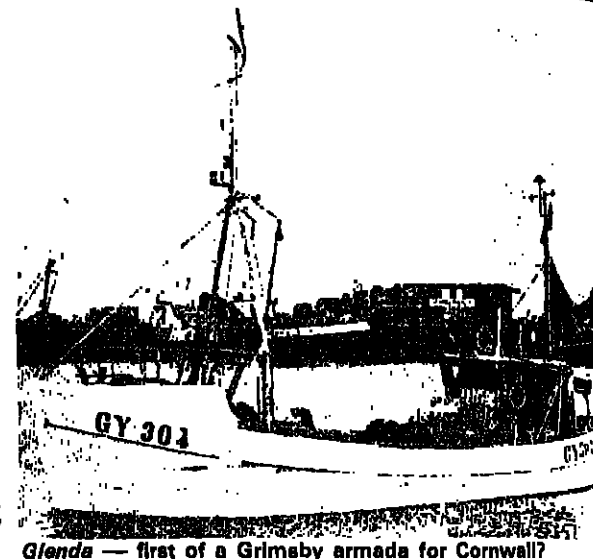
The major problem facing *Glenda* is likely to be one of power, as her main engine is only a 230 bhp Gardner.

Electronically the vessel is ideally equipped for locating the shoals, but whether she has the speed to outpace them when towing remains to be seen.

Unofficial reports of her early attempts were not too encouraging, although the vessel has had to bide her time in the face of some pretty rough weather.

If *Glenda* fails single boating, it is expected another multi-purpose craft from Grimsby will steam down to the Westcountry and link up with her as a pair team.

On Wednesday it was reported that *Glenda* had been joined by Paul Antony from Grimsby.



Glenda — first of a Grimsby armada for Cornwall?

REAL MADRID HITS TROUBLE

THE 140ft. Grimsby trawler, *Real Madrid*, put into Millbay Docks, Plymouth, on Thursday last week with a 50-ton mackerel catch — and immediately ran into trouble.

The trawler, just converted for mid-water fishing, can carry catches of up to 250 tons. *Real Madrid*, came in early in the morning. By the afternoon, there were reports that the 12-man crew had walked off the ship because of the lack of landing facilities.

The men had to land about five tons of mackerel by hand before a pump was brought alongside to complete the operation.

The skipper, Eddie Collins, said that landing facilities could not cope with the ship equipment.

With Skipper Collins was Don Lister, a director of Consolidated Fisheries Ltd., the boat's owners, who had come down from Grimsby to see the problems for himself.

Mr. Lister said *Real Madrid* went on trial in the North Sea for a few days following her conversion and

teething problems were ironed out. She then headed for the south-west and took her 50 tons of mackerel from Mounts Bay.

Mr. Lister said landing facilities at Plymouth are by no means as sophisticated as those at Grimsby — and he was not surprised if the crew

had been "a bit disgruntled". He added that *Real Madrid* might spend the next two months fishing off the Cornish coast.

On Monday the former side trawler was anchored at Falmouth with a small catch aboard. It was thought she had some technical problems.

Mackerel men issue TV threat

A TELEVISION report on the mackerel situation off Cornwall screened on Thursday last week started off with a warning from local fishermen that there could be bloodshed between Scots and Cornish.

The Westward Television programme featured the St. Mawes-based trawler *Integrity*, recently fitted out for mid-water fishing after an extensive refit, and Skipper Tony Wolzchuck and his crew said they thought the day of the small boat is coming to an end.

In the studio was a panel consisting of Jim Lovie, chief executive of the Scottish Fishermen's Organisation; Don Lister, a director of Consolidated Fisheries, and representing local interests; Daphne Lowrie of the recently recognised Cornish Fish Producers' Organisation.

Dave Culling, of Cornwall Fishermen Ltd., said he did not think 'warfare' would solve anything. Fishing has dropped badly. Last year average landings were 9,000 tonnes per day, — now they are only 1,500 tonnes.

Local fishermen interviewed blamed pursers for the large quantities of dead fish on the sea bed last year. Also mid-water boats made fish very scarce when operating close inshore.

Skipper-owner Bernard Sykes, of the Helford based *Shaggy-La* suggested a blockade of local ports. Other fishermen stated that, as earnings had increased over the last few seasons, many of them had brought their own boats, or raised their stan-

Feelings

Jim Lovie said he understood local feelings and would meet local men anytime.

Daphne Lowrie made the point that the Scots should develop their own markets, and not take the local men's. She went on to say that the mackerel stock being fished is a diminishing one, due to recent bad spawning.

Don Lister said that the fish is British, not Cornish, and he advocated the purse net should be banned.

Jim Lovie admitted to 'one or two' slippings of fish. He also stated that some Scots may land in France direct, so port blockades wouldn't help here.

Daphne Lowrie said that it seemed the only argument was whether the Cornishman was going to be shot with a pistol or rifle!

Don Lister claimed the Eastern bloc vessels are the greatest danger.

Blank at Falmouth

NO worthwhile catches of mackerel have been taken by the Falmouth-based line fleet for the past two weeks.

Boats have been steaming all day searching for lines without even wetting the lines. Some local boats now on to Newlyn where prospects were better, while others turned to trawling, while lines or ready pots.

Integrity, after completing a White Fish Authority-assisted mid-water fishing trial, turned to bottom trawling.

In previous years there have been similar bad spells — mainly due to gales — men hope the fishing will improve with the next spring tides.

IRISH PAIR 'INSIDE LIMIT'

THE CORNISH Fish Producers' Organisation has sent a protest to its counterpart in Northern Ireland following a sighting last week.

The cause of the protest was the discovery of two Irish pair trawlers working just 24 miles off Porthcurno.

Ben Collins, joint-secretary of the Cornish PO, said the trawlers were sighted by Skipper W. Perkins' *Kimball* and Skipper John Cook's *Byrlyan* and that their exact position was fixed by radar.

Mr. Collins alleged that the trawlers were *Stephens* (N174) and *Speemagne* (N 247), both from Killybeg, Northern Ireland.

He claimed that when the Irishmen realised their position was being fixed, they headed away to gear and headed away to the west at full speed, to the west of full speed, to the west of full speed, to the west of full speed.

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'PANTHER' SMASHES GRIMSBY RECORD

BUT'S *Ross Panther* sailed into Grimsby last week to take the port's middle water grossing record with a £28,465 catch.

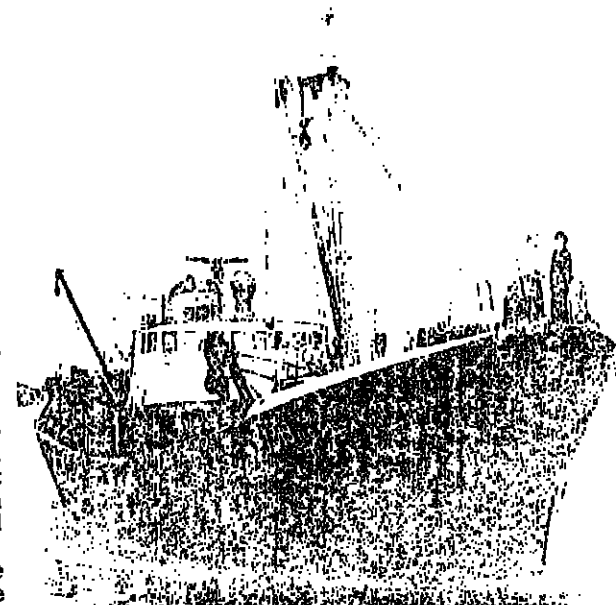
Skipper Wally Stokes brought the 130-footer home from a 16-day Westerly trip to add exactly £3,000 to the previous best — by BUT's *Ross Jackal* on March 18 — from a landing of 1,104 kits, including 442 of codstuffs, 380 of haddocks and 335 of coley.

Ross Panther scored heavily with nearly 300 kits of top quality large cod which averaged a good £36 per kit at the morning auction and in all her cod sales accounted for over £15,000.

Rounding off a first-rate week for the BUT middle water fleet were career best grossings from two other 'cat' class trawlers.

Ross Cougar (Skipper Jack Major) all but broke the old record with £24,325 from a 17-day Westerly voyage which turned out 1,205 kits (over half haddocks) and last section also.

Osaka (Skipper Peter Newby) was top-tripper on



Ross Panther arriving with her record-breaking catch.

£20,897 from 948 kits after 15 days to the Westerlies.

There was a string of consistent performances from this H. L. Taylor trawlers in this section also.

Osaka (Skipper Peter Newby) was top-tripper on

£18,325 from 614 kits after an 18-day Faroes/Westerly trip, yet possibly the most remarkable trip came from *Toku* (Skipper Jimmy Gladwell) as she grossed £17,904 from a modest 460 kits.

Toku, however, landed over 150 of squid and at prices around £65 per kit this accounted for over £8,000.

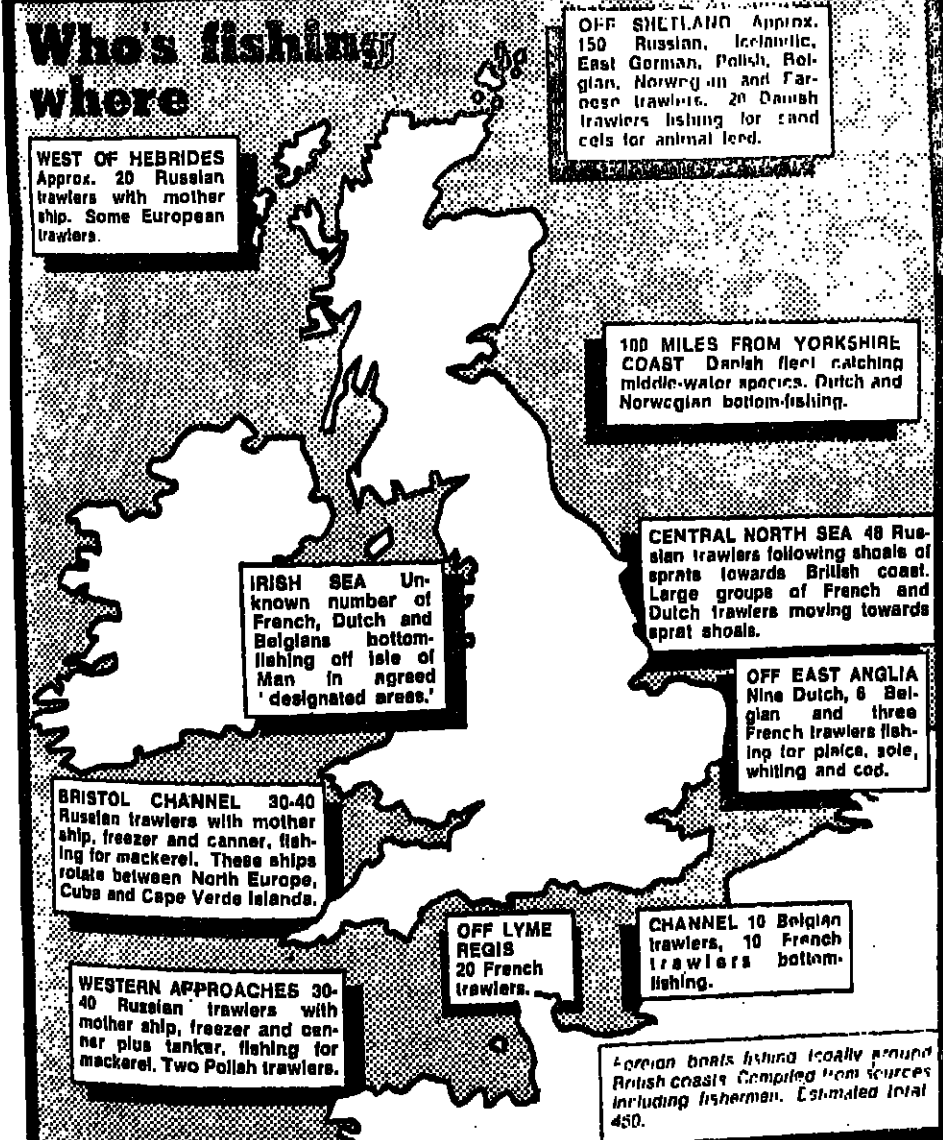
Back on the record trail, the Grimsby grossing high for a Belgian beam trawler was broken for the third time in the past month when *De Kottens* (N15) made £26,987 from a landing of 815 kits on October 19.

With the continuing slack fishing at Iceland landings from this quarter again disappointed although *Ross Revenge* (Skipper Johnny Meadows) managed £49,110 for BUT from 1,598 kits after 22 days and *Ross Renown* (Skipper Barry McCall) grossed £42,978 from 1,474 kits, both mostly codstuffs, from six local trawlers completing trips last week.

However, distant water supplies were helped out by three White Seas trips from BUT's *Lord Jellicoe* and *Vianova*, and Consolidated Fisheries' *Gillingham*.

Pick of these and the top trip of the week came from *Vianova* (Skipper Tony Hankin) with a £51,539 grossing from 1,640 kits, almost entirely cod and codling.

The John R. agent pair *Golden Venture* (Skipper Peter Pultrifoy) and *Skanderborg* (Skipper Phil Scott) cornered the pair team grossings, even to the extent of bettering an eight-day trip by the *Biden* boats, with a combined grossing of £29,239 from 906 kits after 14 days in the North Sea.



'Gladnes' flops at Hull

ALLARD, Hewson's sinner *Gladnes* (Skipper Jorgen Olsen) was diverted from her home port of Grimsby last Friday to Hull but, despite being the only vessel landing there she failed to make the expected big grossing.

A spokesman for her owners explained the decision to land at Hull was taken largely because *Gladnes* had nearly 80 kits of haddocks in her total catch of 182 kits, and the Grimsby market that morning for haddocks was well supplied.

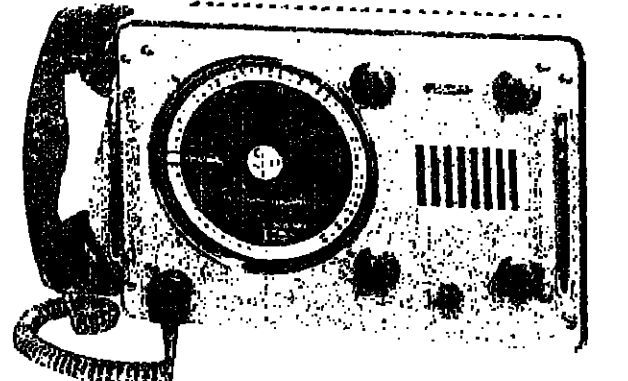
However, the balance of the catch was cod and, in view of this, the final grossing of £4,569 was rather a disappointment. *Gladnes* was completing a North Sea trip of 14 days.

THIS CHART, reproduced by kind permission of The Observer newspaper, gives an idea of the strength of foreign fishing effort off the British coast.

Irish launch

SHALON, an 80ft. trawler, was launched this Tuesday at the 'Bor' (Jagdish) Mahara beach in Killybegs, Eire, for Skipper Paul O'Neill.

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BELGIAN TOP AT MILFORD

A BELGIAN trawler took top ship honours at Milford Haven last week. She is *Mariner* which landed 80 kits, including two of cod, two of whiting, 15 of roker, five of turbot and brill, 20 of plaice and 20 of soles grossing £4,829.

On the following day *Bryher* (Skipper A. James) returned an average of £40 a kit for her 98-kit catch. Her total, which included one of haddock, two of cod, 10 of whittings, 45 of roker, 10 of turbot and brill and 15 of plaice, sold for £4,011.

There were also good grossings by *Georgina Wilson* (Skipper Tom Smith) and *Norrad Star* with Skipper John Rogers in command. *Georgina Wilson* landed 140 kits which sold for £4,400, while *Norrad Star* had 89 kits selling for £4,011.

Between them the vessels landed a total of 20 of cod, 25 of whittings, 90 of roker, 15 of turbot and brill, 30 of plaice and 15 of soles.

Deepsea men clinch £4 a week rise

FISHERMEN at Fleetwood, Grimsby and Hull have won a £4 a week rise — with three months' back pay — following talks between the Transport and General Workers' Union and trawler owners.

The men are to receive an extra £4 a week sea rate, £5 a week holiday pay and £5 a week shore rate when a man

is signed on the ship's log. The award is back-dated until July 15 and the increase will bring the basic sea time wage for a deckhand to £38.50 a week.

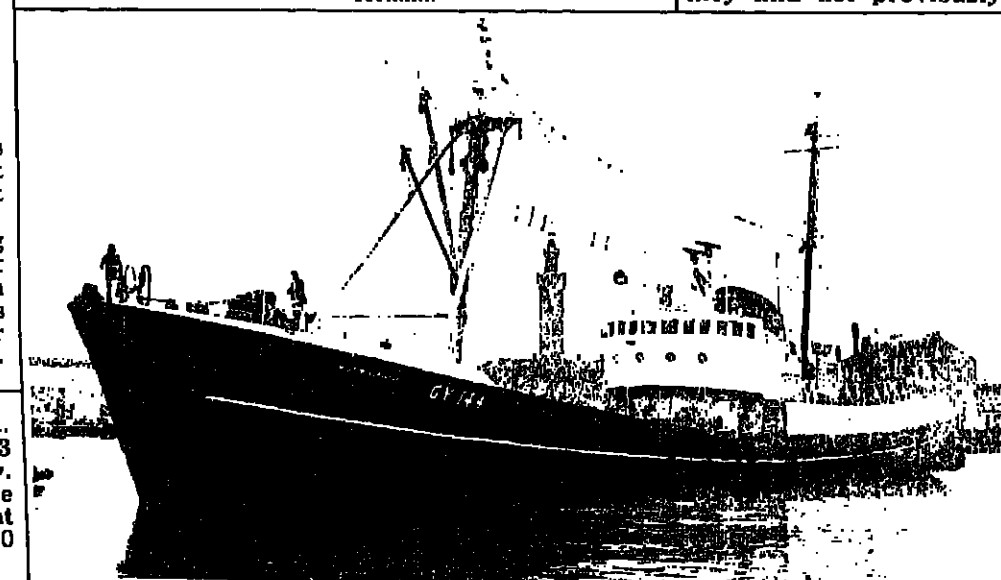
Alf Davies, TGWU district organiser in the Fleetwood area, said the employers originally offered a £2.50 all-round increase and said that they were prepared to make adjustments on holiday pay and bonus day payments for time at sea.

He added: "We offered to go to arbitration. The employers refused, but eventually agreed to go to mediation. Our claim was for £6 all

round and had to expect a £2 drop on this figure for sea time payments.

"We are not satisfied with the £4 payment for sea rate. We still believe that it should have been £6. But because of the state of the industry we accepted."

Mark Hamer, general manager of Fleetwood Fishing Vessel Owners' Association, said that in order to meet the costs of the new pay award it was more important than ever that a 50-mile exclusive fishing zone was set up and that Britain gained continued fishing access at Iceland.



BOSTON COMANCHE MAKES COMEBACK

THE 616-TON Grimsby distant water trawler *Boston Comanche* (above), top earning vessel at the Humber port in 1974 and until recently holder of the Grimsby record grossing, has been put back to sea by owners Boston Deep Sea Fisheries Ltd. She had been laid up since the middle of last summer. *Boston Comanche* was one of five large trawlers withdrawn from fishing by the Boston Group at Grimsby shortly after the Gals agreement. The company did not have enough fishing days allocated to maintain its Iceland

GEAR SNAGS BENVOLIO ON MAIDEN TRIP

WYRE TRAWLERS' latest addition at Fleetwood, the 88ft. multi-purpose *Benvolio*, hit a snag on her maiden voyage when she tangled her fishing gear around her propeller while working off the west of Scotland.

Wyre Defence (Skipper Geoff Wright) was on her way home at the time and went to *Benvolio's* aid. She took her in tow and, in a force nine to 10 gale, towed her for 24 hours to Stranraer where the propeller was cleared.

Once freed it was decided that *Benvolio* (Skipper Bill Spearpoint) should come in to land. She had 81 kits which sold for £1,286.

John Haslam, manager of Wyre Trawlers, said they looked on the first trip of the ship as largely experimental because they had not previously

operated this class of vessel at Fleetwood. He added: "She has had teething troubles with her gear but this was to be expected." The first box of cod to be landed by the vessel was sold to fish merchant Bert Crank. It earned £50 which went to the Fleetwood branch of the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen.

NZ wants to build up fleet

NEW ZEALAND is on the look out for second-hand fishing boats says Duncan MacIntyre, the country's Minister for Fisheries.

The amount of second-hand vessels imported will depend on New Zealand's ability to build the required number of craft at a competitive price to meet growing fishing zones.

If the country extends her limits to 200 miles, she will need another 70 deep water vessels to cope.

OBITUARY

DUNCAN Frederick Anderson (46) has died in hospital following a long illness.

He was assistant to the ship's husband with Grimsby sealer owners and agents, Tom Sleight (F.S.) Ltd.

A native of Fleetwood, Mr. Anderson worked for many years as a fish salesman at both ports before poor health forced him to concentrate on office work and administration.

He leaves a widow, a son and daughter.

● GILBERT Buchan has been appointed vice president of the BPF. He succeeds Mr. J. F. Innes of Lissleworth. On Wednesday, Mr. Buchan's long service to the industry was recognised when the Queen presented him with the MBE.

Co-op may buy salmon fishery

GALWAY Bay Fishermen's Co-operative may buy the Irish salmon fishery on the Corrib river.

During the last season the co-op handled the sales of the fishery, along with those of its own members, bringing the number of salmon passing through its hands to over 20,000.

It is reported that the fishery has been offered to the co-op by the owners, the Barbour family, at around £80,000.

Over the past few years there has been a substantial

increase in drift-netting for salmon in and near Galway Bay, which is regarded as one of Ireland's finest fisheries. The Galway co-operative has been helping the area by setting aside a percentage of its salmon earnings for restocking. Last year it spent £800 on fingerlings in the Spiddal river. The co-op is now one of the largest dealers in salmon in the Irish Republic and the price it paid for the fish this season was 25p per lb, better than any other fishery in the area.

Union opposed to 'exclusive' zones

AS SUPPORT mounted on Humberside last week for further pressure on the Government for a 50-mile exclusive coastal zone within any British or EEC 200-mile limits, distant water trawler skippers and some owners were having second thoughts about the meaning of the term 'exclusive'.

There was concern about the British and Irish stand over a 50-mile zone for their inshore fishermen and the inshore thought that it would be most unwise to make this simply a 'no-go' area, thus ruling it out as a bargaining counter for limited reciprocal fishing rights in any future negotiations with other nations.

Mr. Hawley went on: "Such an attitude could, we feel, have the gravest consequences for our own distant water operations, if other countries, in retaliation, adopt similar 50-mile zones permanently excluding all but their own fishermen."

Mr. Hawley added that he had informed Foreign Secretary, Anthony Crosland, about the views of the distant water officers within the Grimsby trawler officers' Guild, and stressed that the Hull Trawler Officers' Guild had not yet pledged its support over this rather delicate matter.

Meanwhile, the president of the Grimsby Fishing Vessel Owners' Association, Fred Parkes, confirmed his support for a 50-mile exclusive zone for British within the proposed 200-mile limits, we interpret the term 'exclusive'

zone for British fishermen only in Grimsby last week.

Mr. Parkes headed a group of Grimsby representatives from the fishing industry who informally met a group of seven London-based journalists and correspondents from EEC countries visiting Grimsby on October 21 to assess the background to Britain's stance on EEC negotiations.

The visit, and a similar one on October 26, had been arranged by the Central Office of Information in London and included tours of the fish docks and various processing factories.

However, the consensus of

opinion among the first batch was that the visit had really come too late for them to make out a special case, within their individual countries, for British fishing rights in the EEC 'fishpond'. The party of journalists had earlier visited Peterhead to review the industry in Scotland.

Among those representing the industry at Grimsby, in addition to Mr. Parkes, were Ken Beeken, Dave Hawley, Fred Harrison, distant water skippers J. N. "Jack" Korr and Tom Smith, and leader of the Humberside Shore Fishermen's Association, Denis McKenny.

THE Government has set up a Committee of the House of Commons to consider the new mesh size order for sprat fisheries. This follows protests on behalf of Northumberland fishermen from Alan Belth MP. Fishermen have complained at the mesh size chosen and at the lack of consultation before the Order was introduced.

in BRIEF

presented with a silver salver and Mr. Baldry with a silver bowl.

PORTHLEVEN Shipyard, which has been operating under a receiver/manager, is to lay off its remaining work force of 12. The yard had been completing outstanding contracts and, as no new orders have been received, machinery and equipment are due to be auctioned next month.

GEORGE Wallis, Bridlington's harbourmaster, is to act as the port's agent for the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen, giving the mission a representative at the port seven days a week.

A LADY scientist has for the first time won the Association of Fish Meal Manufacturers' annual award for research in animal nutrition. She is Dr. Marie E. Coates of the National Institute of Research in Dairying, Shinfield, Reading.

HERRING was landed at Lowestoft last week by the port's inshore fleet, which has been joined by some vessels from West Mersea. The herring are being caught on the grounds off Cromer.

BEN GREEN, superintendent of the Fleetwood branch of the RNMSE, has been promoted to senior superintendent. He is to move to Lowestoft where he will take over from John Hance, who has resigned. Mr. Green, who has been at Fleetwood for two years, said: "I have been very happy at Fleetwood. The people have made us very much at home and we have a very good relationship with the industry. It is with a lot of regret that we leave."

"I am under no illusions about the task which faces me," Mr. Aitchison told *Fishing News* on Wednesday. "The fishing industry has

SFF get their man

THE SCOTTISH Fishermen's Federation has appointed its first full-time chief-executive. David Aitchison (54), principal teacher of Classics and Nautical Studies at Eyemouth High School, takes up his post in Edinburgh on January 1.

Mr. Aitchison has been involved with the fishing industry for the past 30 years. He was president of the Firth of Forth Fishermen's Federa-

tion from 1973-75 and for the past 12 years has been secretary of the Eyemouth and District Fishermen's Association.

A member of the Royal Institute of Navigation, Mr. Aitchison also served on the working group set up to investigate Britain's entry into the EEC.

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SEVEN TRAWLERS LEAVE GRIMSBY

THE EIGHT middle water trawlers formerly owned by the Grimsby firm of Sir Thomas Robinson & Son (Grimsby) Ltd. have been sold off — with one exception — by the White Fish Authority.

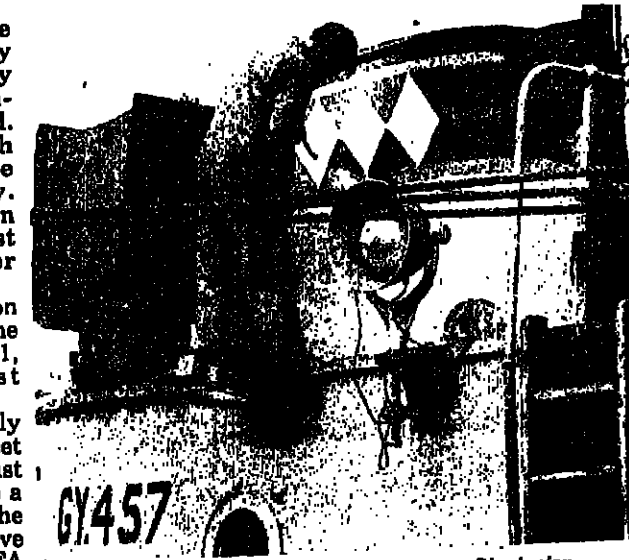
The vessel was one of only three fishing when the fleet was repossessed and the last Robinson vessel to undergo a major refit. It is assumed the lenders submitted so far have not met up with the WFA valuation.

However, a deal for her disposal is expected shortly and the possibility that she could remain at her home port under new ownership has not been ruled out completely.

Already *Samaritan* (built in Selby in 1957) has left Grimsby to join the Claridge group of companies at Lowestoft, where she is expected to continue fishing.

She may be followed shortly by *Judean* (Selby 1960) and *Tiberian* (Selby 1961), which have both been converted for oil rig standby work and it is understood, are likely to continue with these roles. She may be joined later by *Oliver* (Selby 1964) and *Thesalonian* (Selby 1956) which will possibly resume fishing.

As with *Samaritan* the WFA



A painter changes the funnel markings on *Rhodetan*.

have completed deals with the Colne Fishing Co. on behalf of the Claridge Group. In less than 18 months this thriving Lowestoft concern has now relieved Grimsby of nine near/middle water trawlers.

In addition to the above sales, *Philadelphian* (Selby 1960) has been purchased for leading Belgian owner Raymond Claeys. The vessel has been converted for oil rig marking and carrying out a work, but she will definitely be put back to fishing under command by Skipper George Loades, one of Grimsby's most experienced middle water skippers.

Mr. Claeys is making a habit of picking up bargains at Grimsby and will be informed sources state, remembered as the man who bought *Rose Falcon*, a vessel nearly derelict from BUT just two years ago, and which

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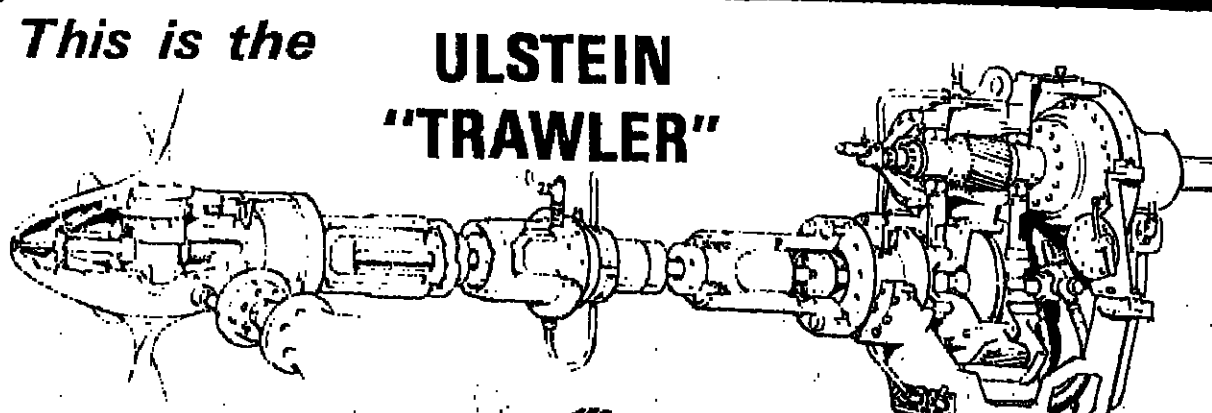
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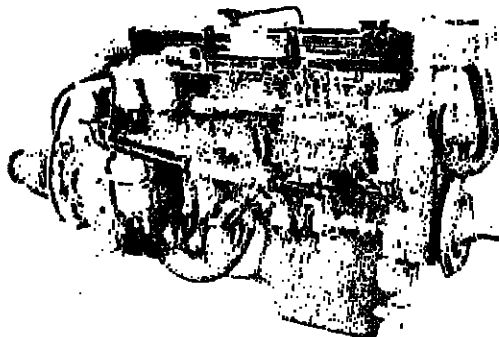
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'SURPRISE' CATCH GOES TO MEAL

MORE THAN 300 kits of good-quality fish went for fish meal at Fleetwood in one day last week.

It happened on the Monday when 300 kits of mackerel did not reach the minimum price of £5.89 a kit. The bulk of this fish was from

the middle-water trawler *Wyre Conqueror*, commanded by Skipper Ron Slapp. She had 270 kits on board.

On the same day *Ella Hewett*, commanded by Skipper Jim Buckley, had 81 kits of mackerel, 24 of horse mackerel and 45 of dogs on board.

Two records fall

FLEETWOOD's side trawler grossing record was smashed last week when *Robert Hewett* returned from Iceland with 1,243 kits, including 1,100 of cod, which sold for £36,325.

The grossing was also the highest ever made by a Hewett Fishing Co. vessel and the latest in a series of excellent earnings made by the vessel while under Skipper Dennis McLoughlin.

There was only one landing by a large stern trawler during the week. *Pyda*, now commanded by Skipper John Burns, landed 1,086 kits (800 of cod) which sold for £31,089.

She had been to Iceland as had the side trawler *Boston Explorer* (Skipper W. Anderson) which landed 1,047 kits, including 600 of cod and 220 of haddock. The catch sold for a disappointing £26,056.

Rockall provided the week's outstanding middle-water catch. The stern trawler *Armana*, skippered by Don Evans, continued a good series of catches from the area when she landed 901 kits, including more than 700 of haddock, to earn £17,520.

Other middle-water trawlers concentrated on the north-west of Ireland grounds which again provided the unlikely sight of soles in their catches.

Ella Hewett, commanded by Skipper Jim Buckley, had eight kits of the variety in her total 883 worth £11,709. Also included in the catch were 50 of cod, 250 of haddock, 20 of roker, 50 of dogs and 110 of mackerel.

Wyre Defence, commanded by Skipper Geoff Wright, did well with her catch of 568 kits. This included 30 kits of cod, 230 of haddock, 30 of roker and 50 of dogs and sold for a total of £10,005.

In the near water section it

The manager of Wyre Trawlers Ltd. which owns *Wyre Conqueror*, John Haslam, said: "It would have made a substantial difference to the trip if the mackerel had only reached the minimum. Apart from the cash it seems daft that so much good fish should be wasted when the continentals are making a

summer working from Grimsby under skipper-owner Otto Jensen, continued her successful return to the west coast. She headed back to port after only seven days with 115 kits, including 60 of cod and 30 of plaice, which sold for £3,642.

Illegal net warning

THE Belgian beam trawler *Aurora* was stopped by the fishery protection vessel HMS *Kellington* last week and escorted into Lowestoft.

She was allowed to sail the following morning after her skipper had been given a warning about using a net with "fractionally undersized" mesh.

"Only one net was involved and it was only slightly undersize. The Belgian skipper immediately removed and destroyed it once this was pointed out," said Lt. Cdr. G. J. V. Thorpe, district fisheries officer.

"All her other gear was within legal limits. It is difficult to accurately measure nets at sea. She was brought into harbour so that it could be examined properly."

Aurora is based at the Zeebrugge.

The Zeebrugge beam trawler *Aurora* reaches Lowestoft to have her nets accurately measured. Standing guard aboard her is HMS *Kellington's* first lieutenant, D. S. Ritchie.

REPORT DIVERS WHO LETTERS RIFLE POTS

SIR, I was interested to read Trapper's comments in the "Shellfish Chat" section in the October 1 issue of *Fishing News* with regard to a letter from a fisherman in Northumberland complaining about the activities of amateur divers.

As you may know, the British Sub-Aqua Club has a rule that its members should not sell their catches and we have also told our divers not to take more shellfish than they need for their own consumption.

We must, however, defend their right — and the right of any other member of the general public — to use and enjoy the sea.

The majority of our members, and divers throughout the country, are very conservation minded. The club, in conjunction with our magazine, has launched Underwater Conservation Year for 1977 and the organising committee include representatives of the Nature Conservancy, the Natural Environment Research Council and the Marine Biological Association.

As the governing body for the sport of underwater swimming, we cannot possibly tolerate violence to our members. I would emphasise the dangers of hauling divers to the surface where they may suffer air embolism, decompression sickness, or even death as a result.

I am yet to be convinced that there is real evidence of widespread emptying of pots or tampering with gear by amateur divers, but if such evidence does exist we would welcome a report of our headquarters here and would take immediate action.

bundle from fishing the mackerel from our waters. But there was no little demand from the merchants for the mackerel at the sales."

The ship earned £11,200 from 877 kits, including 16 kits of haddock and 20 of roker.

Victor Buchini of the Hewett Fishing Co. owns *Ella Hewett*, said of the vessel's catch: "The dogs were on the small side but in good condition — the roker were perfectly decent quality fish. It is a shame to see good fish going 'across the road'."

Geoff Anderson, president of Fleetwood Fish Merchants Association, said his members had an unusually large quantity of mackerel sprung up this week.

He added: "Undoubtedly there is a market for mackerel but it all hangs on continuity of supply and being given time to build a trade."

Icelandic Consul slams rumours We're not preparing for 'cod war four'

UNCONFIRMED reports that Iceland is preparing her fleet of coastguard vessels for a fourth cod war with Britain have been scotched by John Olgeirsson, the Icelandic Consul at Grimsby.

"There is no truth in it at all," he told *Fishing News* last week.

"Iceland is still repairing damage caused by collisions during the last episode and I expect, if the truth were known, the Royal Navy is still working on repairs to some of the British frigates which were damaged while protecting the trawlers."

Mr. Olgeirsson also ruled out the possibility of another cod war, pointing out that Britain had agreed to observe absolutely the Icelandic 200-mile limit under the terms of the Oslo settlement signed last May.

The previous disputes had arisen because Britain had contested the extension of unrecognised limits.

On the question of British access to Icelandic waters from the end of November

onwards, Mr. Olgeirsson said it depended entirely on reciprocal fishing rights between the two countries.

"At the moment the ball is very firmly in Britain's court. If she wants to continue then there must be an offer from the EEC, or Britain herself must seize the initiative."

The Icelandic Consul is anxious to keep her summer herring fishing in the North Sea, worth this year alone about £174 millions so far, and there is also the rather vague possibility of Iceland losing access to the east coast of Greenland, (a Danish colony), if a 200-mile limit were enforced by the EEC.

The Icelanders fish there industrially for caplin and also trawl for beam and cod. Whether the Greenland limit does come into any EEC deal is far from clear at the moment, commented Mr. Olgeirsson.

Long ride for small boat

THE standard Halmatic GRP-hulled 36-footer pictured right is now being shipped to St. Helena, in mid-South Atlantic, where she will work on resource development.

Fitted out by the Wick, Caithness, yard of James McCauley, she will be operated by Fisheries Development Ltd. of London which is organising a fisheries project on the remote island.

The skipper has been recruited by the firm and the boat will work with a local crew. Among her fishing gear are gurdies by Spencer-Carter of Cornwall.

QUOTA CUT NEAR

SKIPPER Willie Hay, chairman of the Scottish Inshore White Fish Producers' Association, is concerned about the problems of allocating next year's North Sea haddock quota.

"Trying to control fishermen from the Shetlands to Dover is going to be a formidable task — all indications are that the UK quota will be reduced. How to work a quota will present great problems."

"I feel that the calendar year will have to be split into four or five periods, so that the quota can be spread throughout the year."

"I also envisage that the quota will have to be for mixed fisheries because of the practical problems of isolating one demersal species."

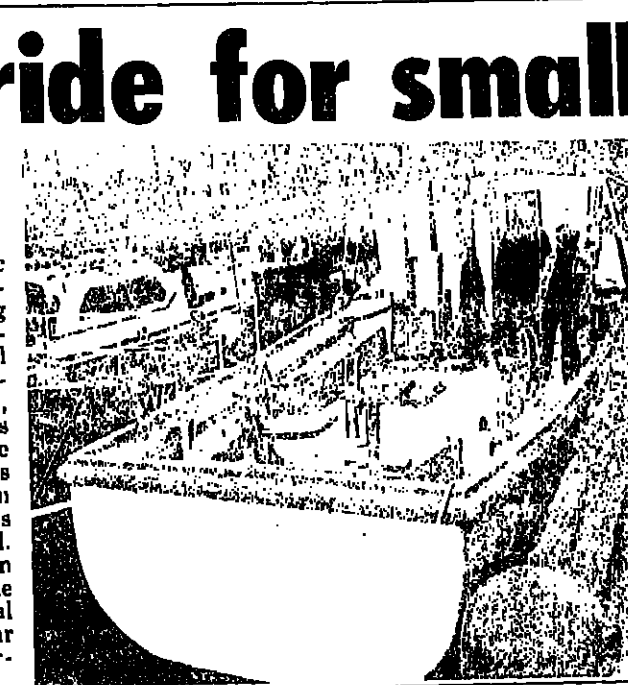
Having said this, I don't know how our men will react to quota restrictions if they feel that they have been sold down the river on limits."

Talking about boat-building, Skipper Hay expressed the fears of his men at the present system of grants. It will be virtually impossible for individuals to continue to be their own masters.

"The success in the past of the inshore industry has been based on the private enterprise of working owners. With the present system I feel that large public companies will be the only ones in a position to invest."

"Therefore, we run the risk of our section of the industry being taken over and managed in the same fashion as the deep-sea trawler fleet — not a pleasant prospect."

Skipper Hay has recently returned from a trip to Dublin as part of a delegation of British inshore fishermen meeting their Irish counterparts to discuss fishing limits. He stated that he felt the meeting had been very constructive.



Billingsgate ALWAYS ON SUNDAYS

THERE is an aspect of the market that very few regular merchants and customers ever see. This is the Sunday market, held in the calm of the early morning while most Londoners are still snugled down enjoying their weekly lie-in. And when they do eventually struggle out to the local, there will be the shellfish stall, bright with prawns, glowing with winkles, and resplendent with eels, all bought down the 'Gate that very morning.

This is the purpose of the Sunday market and, therefore, the firms open for business are those whose principal interest is in the sale of shellfish. They are joined by the cookmen of Leigh on Sea who stand along the front of the market with their vehicles packed with cotton nets of shelled meats, ready to be sold by the gallon.

The first stands of each aisle have new tenants with their samples of winkles, shrimps and prawns. While across the dry, clean and, for once, tidy market, the bright lights of Lou Hart's shop gleam through the early morning gloom. Crabs, jellied eels in cartons and bowls, mussels in shells or bottled, are all available.

Nor are the buyers the same as throughout the week. These are a different breed: rougher, tougher. Few, if any, are full-time professional fishmongers. These 'minor' entrepreneurs, arriving by cars of often venerable vintage, taxis and the occasional beautifully fitted mobile shop, buy by the gallon and the half-gallon rather than by the four-stone boxes and the awt bags of the weekday buyers.

The buyers and the sellers are not the only ones who lose their Sunday morning lie-in. The market's servants must be reprimanded too. Policemen of the Market and City forces, toll inspectors, a fish inspector and cleaners. All are there to ensure that the Londoners' weekly fishery is 'alive, alive, O!'

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CATCH '76 REPORT

Danes come out in force

A NUMBER of Danish companies who manufacture and supply equipment were represented on the Industrial Development Council of North Jutland's stand.

Iver Christensen's Vaad-binderi which has been making nets since 1879 is already known in the Scottish fleet, and showed details of its range of bottom and midwater trawls designed for catching herring, sprats, mackerel, white fish, shrimps and prawns.

An interesting feature of the firm's four seam midwater and bottom trawls is that the netting in the wings has been replaced by polypropylene ropes.

A model of one of these nets showed the construction of the rope wings, and the unusual feature allows the trawl to be towed at higher speeds.

Experience has also shown that the rope wings are substantially stronger than the netting they replace.

Two types of net incorporate the rope wings. For midwater pair trawling there is a nylon net made from four identical panels and which is best suited for fishing in deep water.

The three bridle Blaespruttrawl is a four seam net suitable for both single boat and pair fishing and can be used on the bottom or in midwater.

Nets with the rope wings are in use in Denmark and Sweden and the makers feel that they would be ideal for use by the Scottish fleet.

Another exhibit on the Denmark stand was a model of the Universal Box washing machine from W. Bruel's eff.

Basically the machine consists of a circular overhanging conveyor on which the boxes

are hung and carried through two sections of the machine, referred to as the softening and washing stations.

Also on the Danish stand was an example of the 'net-op' hydraulic self-winding net winch from the firm of Bjørne Jensen. It can be used to haul many types of net aboard smaller vessels up to about 90 tons.

One of these winches is fitted to the Grimsby vessel *Wardley* which has been working tangle nets.

Co-ops on parade

SCOTTISH Federation of Fishermen's Co-operatives Ltd. and Fishing Co-operatives Trading (Scotland) Ltd. were represented on the General Service stand.

The overall aim of the Federation is to protect and promote the interests of fishermen's co-operatives in Scotland and to assist in their operation. Already 17 co-ops are members of the Federation.

Fishing Co-operatives Trading (Scotland) Ltd. was set up in 1975 to enable co-ops to buy their various goods in bulk at reduced cost.

Today the FCTS can supply almost all the fishermen's requirements including nets, ropes, oil and protective clothing and supplies its own brand of tea, coffee, bilge wash and detergents.

Speaking to *Fishing News* at the exhibition Mr. R. H. Milne, secretary of the FCTS, said that visiting fishermen had shown great interest in the idea of co-operatives and had asked to be kept in touch with developments.

In particular the bulk buying scheme is proving to be a great benefit.

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Answers sought in a questionnaire issued by the original builder of Seacrest ferro-cement boats a little while ago to some 50 owners probably indicate as accurately as any evidence the approximate number of satisfied and unsatisfied.

The questionnaire sought answers to queries about maintenance, damage resistance, whether they would choose ferro-cement

again and whether they considered it would increase in popularity or otherwise.

To a question about performance, 40 per cent of fishing and commercial boat owners replied that ferro-cement was far better than expected, 20 per cent better than expected, 20 per cent exactly as expected and 20 per cent slightly worse than expected.

About maintenance, 40 per cent replied that their boats were far easier to maintain than expected and 60 per cent that they were easier to maintain.

About resistance to damage, 40 per cent said that it was far better than expected, 20 per cent better, none exactly as expected, 20 per cent slightly worse and 20 per cent far worse.

Asked whether they would definitely choose ferro-cement again as a boat building material, 60 per cent said yes. Twenty per cent said that they might and 20 per cent that they would be unlikely to do so.

Asked whether they expected ferro-cement to increase in popularity as a boat building material, 40 per cent replied that they expected it to increase rapidly, 40 per cent slowly and 20 per cent that it would neither increase or decrease.

I think the best source of plans, specifications, materials and instructions for using them is a company which builds ferro-cement fishing boats, designed by a leading designer of them, itself.

It builds 24, 28, 30, 34 and 40ft boats suitable for in-shore fishing, and I should

John Burgess' Log



think its 34-footer would meet your requirements admirably since all components are available in kit form.

A kit consists of 16 fabricated steel frames, transom, skeg-keel-stem galvanised steelwork and all other parts necessary to set up the complete framework ready for re-inforcing.

Its price is less than one fifth of what you would have to pay if you were to buy hull and deck of the boat plastered and ready for fitting out.

The builders can supply the hull fitted with four bulkheads, 16 frames, reinforced gunwale, engine bearers, skeg, keel and stem protection and deck complete with openings for access to wheelhouse.

The hull would be 34ft. 1in. over all, 32ft. 4in. on the waterline, with a beam of 7ft. 6in. and draught of 4ft. 7in., and a displacement tonnage of 13 tonnes.

Outlay

You will, therefore, be able to estimate with considerable accuracy, before you start, what your total outlay for materials is going to be.

Not only can you get the 34-footer in kit form, as well as in the form of a partially or fully completed boat, but you can get all the other boats in the company's range in these various forms as well.

Should you decide to opt for its 30 or 40ft. boat, instead of the 34-footer, the same choice would be open to you.

The boats are known as Macboats — Macboat 30, Macboat 34, Macboat 40 — the presumably because the name of the company which supplies them in their various forms is MacAllister Carrall Ltd.

It was founded four years ago after its managing director, Mr. R. G. MacAllister, had gained several years experience of building ferro-cement craft in the USA. And he, in collaboration with G. L. Watson and Co., has been responsible for the designs of the boats.

The company started operations at East Boldre, but has recently moved to larger premises at Stem Lane Industrial Estate, New Milton, Hampshire.

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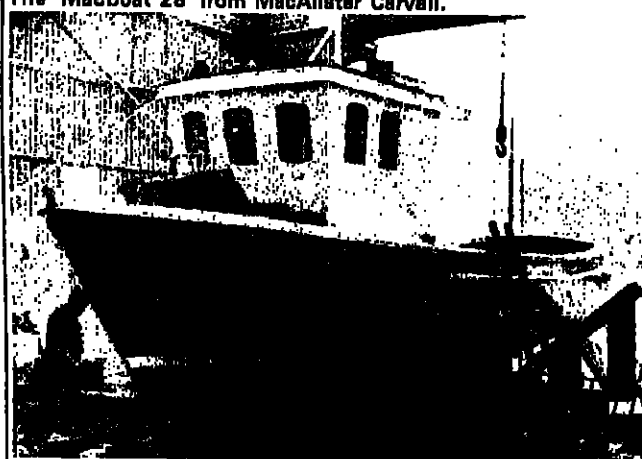
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Delivery

It could be fitted by them with a 6-cylinder Lister propulsion engine, accommodation for two and a hold with a capacity for six tonnes of fish; also with whatever equipment you might want. And they would quote promptly for supplying the completed boat and probably be able to give quick delivery.

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NORTH SHIELDS	EYEMOUTH
Prices: 1A/20/24; spray, 1A/18/22/23; medium codling, 1A/15/22/23; selected small codling, 1A/50/1A/80; small codling, 1A/15/27; large selected haddock, 1A/20/50; medium haddock, 1A/15/23; 3.50; whiting, 1A/7.50/1A/50; lemon sole, 1A/14/4.75; 20 kilo units.	Prices: small whiting, 55.50/58; medium whiting, 59/121; 4 small haddock, 1A/17/13/50; best small haddock, 1A/17/13; medium haddock, 1A/15/21; small codling, 1A/18; best small codling, 1A/18/19; medium codling, 1A/18/20; spray codling, 1A/20/21; large codling, 1A/22/24; per stone; monkfish, 1A/2; small plaice, 1A/12/13; medium plaice, 1A/15/16; lemon sole, 20/28; dogfish, 55.50/58.50, 20/28; crabs, 55.50, per 4x1 box, lobsters, 2.10 per lb.
BRUXHAM	
Prices: plaice, 4x; turbot, 1A; small whiting, 1A/20; large	

BRIXHAM

BILLINGSGATE

ON TUESDAY 234 tons were delivered. Average selling prices on merchant's stalls: soles, 3lb., 15p/25p; small, unsorted 10p/12p; prawns, 50p/60p, per lb. oysters, £11/£22, per 100; Scotch winkles, £10/£11.50; per cwt.

large, £1.50/£1.55; eels, 75p/80p;
foreign smoked salmon, £3 per
lb; large turbot, £18.10/£17.50;
medium, £8.40/£9.80; small,
£6.30/£7.70; large brill, £17.50/
medium, £6.50/£6.70; small,
£4.20/£5.50; large halibut,
£12.00/£14; medium,
£9.20/£10.80; small, £7/£8.40;
selected lemon sole, £4.50/£7;
headless hume water cod,
FROZEN FISH
PACIFIC NA salmon, small,
£1.20/£1.55; Canadian halibut,
12.50/13.50; scampi, 11/£2.25/£5
snappers, 70p; hux man, 50p;
grey mullet, 40p; barbonaut, 60p;
wing far, 43p; per lb, end, £6.50/
squad, £4.20/£4.88; kippers,
£2.40/£4, per stone

75.50/c5.80; shell cod,
 47.50/y8.50; bulk, 42.00/y7.50;
 codfish, 33.00/y4.20; haddock,
 36.70/y7; home water haddock
 chubs, 42.50/y2.60; kil-
 42.50/y2.60; gillibars, 44.70; jum-
 bonos, 35.30; selected whiting,
 22.50/y2.50; small, 1.50/y2.20;
 small English dogfish,
 2.50/y4.10; large, 4.50/y4.50;
 mackerel, 32.50/y4.50; fresh
 herrings, 32.50/y4.50; cured
 herring, 42.50/y4.50; golden
 odsters, 35.50; filleted kippers,
 33.50/y4; selected kippers,
 32.50/y5; per stone, roker,
 38.50/y7.72; sturgeon, 33.50;

SHELLFISH
 lobsters,
 22.50/y3; unsalted, 32.50/y5;
 crabs, over 3 lb., 25p/36p; under

RETAIL PRICES
 AVERAGE national retail prices
 on Tuesday, October 26
 supplied by the Fish and Food
 Corporation of the United Kingdom:
 fillets, 82p, up 1p; haddock
 fillets, 74p, down 1p; codley fillets
 14p, up 1p; plaice fillets, 86p,
 3p; smoked mackerel fillets, 8
 down 2p; mackerel, 32p, up 3p;
 sprats, 27p, up 1p; herring,
 up 1p; kipper, 37p; salmon,
 74p, down 6p; up 3p. Plaice
 is not available.
 peria have been affected by
 devaluated pound, but good
 where landings have helped
 ease the position. Dabs are
 best flat-fish buy at around
 50p. Supplies of large inshore
 are excellent and will be on
 at about 30p.

SHELLFISH
SELECTED lobsters, $\pounds 2.50/\pounds 3$; unsorted, $\pounds 2/\pounds 2.50$;
 crabs, over 3 lb., 25p/35p; under

HERRING REPORT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21.

Stormway: one trawler, one tonne, one purser, 10 tonnes at £10/£10.20. Mixed spents, 340/380 per 50kg. *Ulapool:* one purser, 30 tonnes, 11 trawlers, 5 tonnes; homemarket, 85 tonnes at £12/£17. Uniform to mixed spents, 300/300. *Mull of Galloway:* one trawler, 110 tonnes; five pursers, 123 tonnes; homemarket, 172 tonnes at £9/£21.80, klongdying, 81 tonnes at £14.40/£21. Uniform to mixed in size, 280/690 per 50kg. *Ayr:* eight trawlers, 17 tonnes; homemarket, 10 tonnes at £10.20/£1.30. Hand selected, 190/380 per 50kg.

homemarket, 275 tonnes at £10/£14.60. Slightly mixed size, 320/560 per 50kg. *Malla* 13 trawlers, 154 tonnes, pursers, 423 tonnes homemarket, 464 tonnes at £7/£20, klongdying, 93 tonnes at £4/£18.80. Uniform to very mixed in size, 260/680 per 50. *Stormway:* one drifter, 30 tonnes, five trawlers, 45 tonnes homemarket, 28 tonnes at £10/£12.30, klongdying, 13 tonnes at £12. Mixed in size, spents, 520/390 per 50kg. *On* three trawlers, 44 tonnes homemarket, 44 tonnes at £10.50/£16.90. Uniform to mixed in size, spents, 285/540 per 50 *Ayr:* 13 trawlers, 30 tonnes homemarket, 30 tonnes at £11/£14. Hand selected, 190/280 320/560 per 50kg.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22.

PORT MARKETS

ALL SHELLFISH

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Ullapool: 200 purebred, 100 mixed
 tonnes; 11 trawlers, 100 tonnes;
 100 mixed, 50 tonnes at
 £1.80/£17.50. Uniform to mixed
 sprats, 330/420 per 50kg.
 Mull of Galloway: 20 tonnes;
 homemarket, 24 tonnes at
 £10.15/£2.20. Slightly mixed
 sprats, 300/330 per 50kg. Oban:
 five trawlers; 20 tonnes;
 homemarket, 40 tonnes at
 £10.10/£10.05. Garry: 100
 mixed, 400 tonnes; 400 mixed
 sprats, 18 tonnes; homemarket,
 19 tonnes at £10.00/£46.00. Hand
 selected, 180/370 per 50kg.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER
Stornoway: four trawlers,
 tonnes; homemarket, nine ton-
 nes at £12/£12.50. Klondyke
 tonnes at £14. Mixed ap-
 400/380 per 50kg. Ullapool:
 purebred, 38 tonnes; 19 traw-
 165 tonnes; homemarket,
 tonnes at £14/£15.50. Oban:
 sprats, 330/420 per 50kg.
 Mull of Galloway: 20 tonnes;
 16 tonnes at £14.20. Slightly
 ed in size, sprats, 330 per 50kg.
 Mull of Galloway: 12 trawlers, 110 ton-
 nes; purebred, 25 tonnes;

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26
 14/16 one crawler, 16 tons/less;
 14/16 home market, 16 tonnes at 113.90;
 14/16 slightly mixed in size, 320 ton;
 14/16 50kg. *Lilapool*: two boats, 26
 14/16 tonnes, 25 trawlers, 247 tonnes;
 14/16 home market, 135 tonnes;
 14/16 57/224.20, Uniform to mixed
 14/16 size, 252/500 ton;
 14/16 4yr, nine trawlers, 16 ton;
 14/16 home market, 16 tonnes;
 14/16 13-20/248, Hand, 145/180/250 and 310/340 per 50

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